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SUBJECT: GOC SAYS PATRIA Y LIBERTAD EXTRADITIONS NOT RULED OUT

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3236 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN UNDERSEC ORLANDINI TOLD REPORTERS MAY 10 THAT GOA'S CONCESSION OF ASYLUM TO PYL FIGURES WALTER ROBERTO THIEME AND MIGUEL JUAN SESSA (REF) DOES NOT PRECLUDE EVENTUAL EXTRADITION. ORLANDINI OPINED THAT " ASYLUM IS NOT A STRONG OBSTACLE." ARGENTINES, HE ASSERTED, WERE STUDYING CHILEAN NOTE REQUESTING PREVENTIVE DETENTION.

2. ORLANDINI ALSO MADE SPECIAL POINT OF PUBLICIZING GOC'S CONFISCATION FROM NEWSSTANDS OF UNAUTHORIZED ARGENTINE EXTREMIST PUBLICATION.

3. SCREAMING HADLINES IN SOME UP DAILIES DENOUNCING IMMINENT " INVASION" VIA ARGENTINA OF PYL- RECRUITED BOLIVIANS PROMPTED SENATE TO QUESTION MINDEF JOSE TOHA (PS) MAY 10. DONNING
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HIS STRAIGHTEST FACE, TOHA ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD " NO CERTAIN EVIDENCE THAT COUNTRY IS FACED WITH POSSIBLE OR IMMINENT ARMED INVASION" AND THAT OFFENDING PAPERS (IN ONE OF WHICH TOHA STILL HAS A FINANCIAL INTEREST) " MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN ALARMIST."

4. COMMENT. THIEME' S DISCONCERTING " RETURN FROM THE DEAD" HAS PROVEN TIMELY UP WINDFALL. INTERESTED CONJECTURES AND ALLEGATIONS ABOUT WHAT THIEME WAS UP TO HAVE ENABLED UP TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM GUNNING DOWN OF PYL DEMONSTRATORS MAY 4 (SANTIAGO 1951) AND TO FLESH OUT ITS CHARGES THAT MAJOR OPPOSITION PLOT IS BREWING. WHETHER GOC WILL PUSH VERY HARD ON EXTRADITION REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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